

**VILLAGE HALL  
213 N DOUGLAS  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES #25-03  
CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Mayor Richard Schiefer  
Clerk Kathy Becker  
Chief Gary Kukla

Trustee George Gavlick  
Trustee Guideon Richeson  
Trustee Derek Ashoff  
Trustee Nathan Schmidt  
Trustee Dawn Ross

Absent: Trustee Tim Elliott

Quorum present  
Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

1. Trustee Ross made a motion to approve minutes 25-02 for January 15, 2025. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
2. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the agenda 25-03 for February 5, 2025. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

**II. COMMUNICATION:**

1. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the sponsorship of the St Jacob Baseball/Softball in the amount of \$300. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

**III. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**IV. TREASURER REPORT:**

**VI. COMMITTEE:**

**A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HEALTH:**

1. Trustee Elliott was not present.
2. Trustee Schmidt stated that Marianne made the flyer for the Easter Egg hunt and that park is reserved for April 13, 2025 @ 12pm.

**B. WATER AND SEWER:**

1. Trustee Ashoff reported they had a committee meeting, they discussed the purchase of a few acres for a water tower/ storage facility. The sewer lining application with IEPA for a loan we should have and answer by July. The U of I will be coming out to do a energy assessment of the sewer plant.
2. Trustee Ashoff made a motion to contact the attorney to amend an ordinance for the water shutoff fees to be raised from \$25 to \$50 and an additional charge of \$200 for any after water department hours to turn water back on. Trustee Gavlick seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

**C. POLICE:**

1. Trustee Ross reported that she had a committee meeting regarding hiring of another part time police officer and the future structure of the police department. Discussion ensued. Chief stated that the new laws there is a lot of paperwork involved to hire a new officer and wanted the agreement of the board before he started the process. Trustee Schmidt made a motion to give the Chief the ok to start the process of hiring a new officer. Trustee Ross seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

The board agreed to keep the police department and work toward a possible tax referendum to put on the ballot to help with the cost to run the department.

2. Chief Kukla stated he applied for a grant and received it for the purchase of 5 new tasers as the current tasers are out of date. We received the new taser and ILEAS will pay \$14,524.07 and the Village will have to pay \$1,161.93 over the next 4 years.
3. Chief reported that they had an incident and they made 1 arrest for possession of a controlled substance, issued 3 tickets and collected \$161 in fines.

**D. ORDINANCE AND FINANCE**

1. Trustee Gavlick had nothing to report.

**E. PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS:**

1. Trustee Schmidt had nothing to report.

**F. STREETS AND LANES/MOTOR FUEL TAX:**

1. Trustee Richeson ask that the sidewalk from the daycare to Oylvia St. be removed from the agenda and tabled.
2. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the application fee of \$4763.99 for the STP grant and if we are not awarded the grant then the application fee will be returned. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

**VII. REPORTS:**

- A. Village Attorney- Nothing to report.
- B. Engineer Report- Nothing to report.
- C. FOIA request-Nothing to report.
- D. Building Inspector- Nothing to report.
- E. Planning Commission-Nothing to report.
- F. Zoning Officer-Mayor stated that our Zoning officer Patrick King is resigning due to his opportunity to become a Judge. He recommended one of his partners in his firm to take the position of the Zoning officer.
- G. Public Works-Nick report

**VIII OLD BUSINESS:**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

**X. CLAIMS:**


- A. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$37,576.06 Trustee Gavlick seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

**XI. OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

- A. Trustee Richeson made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Schmidt seconds. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.

  
Kathy Becker

  
Richard L. Schiefer